

I believe between movies and television, young people are exposed to sex, murder, blood, drugs almost every hour, and it becomes a regular part of their life, so why not live that life? Cable channels such as Comedy Central talk at 7-8pm about "orgasms," "blowing wads", "drinking until we drop." along with such pictures that make these things look like the "thing to do."

When I was growing up, there was not the level of violence we have now. But I was watching such shows at Gilligan's Island, I dream of Jeannie, the Honeymooners, the Carol Burnett show. These were CLEAN programs with decent people living decent lives. Not anymore. Ads for tv series show nothing but quick takes of killings and nudes and people having sex, this enters a youngster's mind as a regular way to live everyday life. It's what they see. The same is true with video games. We used to play Pong and Pac Man, now kids are simulating killing policeman and stealing cars (Grand Theft Auto). Is it any wonder kids win at these games and say to themselves "I can probably do this for real."

I don't know what happened to the tv censors. Perhaps they are being lobbied and paid large sums, but the rules as to what appears on television have gone to terrible levels now. One would be shocked to see such things 20 years ago on a tv station.

While I agree with freedom, the fact is that parents are not home as much and young people have access to anything they want. It's, in my opinion, not always the parents, they cannot control every second of their child's life. But of course, when I was a child, my parents didn't have to worry about my turning on the television and seeing gangs rape and murder people while on cocaine.